

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

- Minutes:** Regular Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission
- Date of Meeting:** October 3, 2005
- Place of Meeting:** Milpitas City Hall Committee Room, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
- I. Call to Order** Chairperson Munzel called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM
- II. Flag Salute** The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll** Commissioners Present: Burrill, Gray, Krommenhock, Ku, McGuire, Munzel and Tuason
- Commissioners Excused: Serena and Sandhu.
- City Council Liaison Present : Vice Mayor Gomez
- City Staff Present: Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager; Staci Pereira, Assistant Planner; Craig Wisneski, Parks Maintenance Supervisor; Kerrilyn Ely, Recreation Services Supervisor; Salia Lopa, Recording Secretary
- IV. Alternates** Commissioner Burrill seated in Commissioner Serena's seat.
- V. Agenda** MOTION to approve the agenda for October 3, 2005 as submitted.
M/S: Tuason/McGuire
Ayes: (7) Burrill, Gray, Krommenhock, Ku, McGuire, Munzel and Tuason.
Absent: (2) Sandhu and Serena
- VI. Minutes** MOTION to approve the minutes for the September 12, 2005 meeting with changes noted.
M/S: Krommenhock/Tuason
All Ayes
Absent: (2) Sandhu and Serena
- VII. Citizens Forum**
- VIII. Announcements/Correspondence**
- Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager, made the following announcements:
- Arts Day Event held on Saturday, October 1st held from 12 pm-5pm at Civic Center had an attendance of approximately 500 people.
 - Community Center new hours Monday- Thursday 8am-6pm and Fridays 8am- 5pm.
 - Harvest Festival, Saturday, October 15th 11am-4pm held at Cardoza Park.

- Wellness Workshop with Kaiser Permanente- “Eating Healthy for the Holidays”, Thursday, October 20th at 7 pm at the Sports Center.

IX. Old Business

1. No Smoking In Parks Discussion Continued (Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager)

At the August 1, 2005 PRCRC meeting the Commission discussed Smoking in Public Parks. After much discussion, the Commission directed to staff to return with this item in October for further discussion. At the August 16, 2005 City Council meeting, the Council Motioned: to recommend the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Commission (PRCRC) continue its own investigation and gauge citizen concerns on the subject of additional regulation of smoking in and around public parks.

Vice Mayor Gomez stated that there are a few policy issues to consider when reviewing the No Smoking in Parks topic, such as would you ban smoking all together in parks or enforce the no smoking within 25 feet of the tot lot, also how would you enforce no smoking in parks, and is there a problem with the smoking in the parks. Vice Mayor Gomez also added that the PRCRC could look at all of the questions associated with this issue and report back to City Council. Recreation Services Manager Bonnie Greiner announced that Parks Maintenance Supervisor Craig Wisneski is in the audience to answer any questions anyone may have. Commissioner Krommenhock asked Craig Wisneski how many cigarette butts are being picked up in tot lot areas. Craig Wisneski responded that overall very few cigarette butts are being picked up, however he does get complaints about Sandalwood and Dixon Landing Park.

Mike Greer, 585 Greathouse Drive, Milpitas, is a little league coach in Milpitas. Mr. Greer is concerned with adults smoking around children, he feels that if signs were posted that adults would abide the signs and children would be smoke free at least at parks and sports fields. Mr. Greer wants to keep children smoke free and posting signs would be the first step.

Dennis Acha, 1469 Park Avenue in San Jose, with the American Lung Association, stated that unfortunately youth are not always confined to one area and many adults smoke around children, if signs were posted over 80% would follow the rules, this would benefit the whole community in making it a healthier place.

Steve Soriano, 370 Coelho Street in Milpitas thanked the city for all of their support. He is a huge supporter of posting signs to enforce the No Smoking policy in parks.

Commissioner Krommenhock stated that since there is a state code of no smoking within 25 feet of a tot lot most people would observe the signs and follow the rules, if signs were posted. Krommenhock also added that many people are unaware of the state code and that posting signs would inform the public. Commissioner Tuason suggested that posting no smoking signs could give warning to the public that smoking is bad for your health. Commissioner Ku agrees to post No Smoking signs within 25 feet of a tot lot. Commissioner Krommenhock asked Craig Wisneski what is the fine for breaking the no smoking rule at parks. Craig Wisneski responded the fine is \$250.

Commissioner Gray asked how many complaints were received? Craig Wisneski responded that complaints are very minimal. Commissioner Gray questioned how to enforce this policy and would it be the best use of Police Officer's time to go around to each park and try to enforce no smoking policy. She does support posting signs, although she is wondering how will this be enforced. Commissioner Burrill also supports the posting of no smoking signs.

MOTION: Recommend to the City Council to develop an ordinance to ban smoking at all city parks. Also, to post the California Health and Safety Code, Section 104495 Restriction of Smoking at Public Playgrounds to educate the public of the state code of No Smoking within 25 ft of tot lots.

M/S: Krommenhock/Tuason

Ayes: All Ayes

Absent: (2) Sandhu and Serena

X. New Business

1. KB/ELMWOOD PUBLIC PARK EQUIPMENT, FIXTURES AND FURNISHINGS: (Staci Pereira, Assistant Planner)

The City Council approved the KB/Elmwood Residential Development on January 8, 2005. The project includes the development of 683 residential units (single family, townhome and condominiums) on 35 acres on S. Abel Street near Curtis Avenue. Public improvements associated with the development include the construction of three new public parks, known as Hetch-Hetchy Park, Penitencia Park and Elm Park. Condition of Approval No. 35 of the development, required the park equipment, fixtures and furnishings for the city-dedicated parks (i.e. Penitencia and Elm Parks) to be reviewed and approved by the Park, Recreation, Cultural Resources Commission (PRCRC) and the City Council.

The park features proposed in the attached booklet include water fountains, benches, trash receptacles, shade structures, restrooms, play structures, lights, picnic tables and tennis and basketball court amenities. City staff including Planning, Recreation, Engineering and Park Maintenance has reviewed the proposed equipment and fixtures and recommends minor conditions to ensure the design and appearance of the restrooms compliment the new residential buildings.

Staci Pereira, Assistant Planner, provided an update on the Hetch Hetchy Park, Alvarez Park and Elm Park. Chairperson Munzel asked in reviewing the booklet why there was no mention of having any elements of the elm wood on display. Brenda Searle-Sung of KB Home answered that half of the elms have already been taken down and there is hardly any wood that is salvageable. Chairperson Munzel responded that this request was promised by KB Home in previous meeting and that they should follow through on providing the cross section of the elm trees for display purposes. Brenda Searle-Sung responded that the elm trees were completely rotted with bees, however if they come across any elms that are in good condition they will save it to use on display. Staci Pereira added that they will come up with a way to have the elm on display. Chairperson Munzel said that would be great and he looks forward to having the cross section of the elm on display, being that this is part of the history of Milpitas and the elm trees are very important to many people.

MOTION: Recommend approval to the City Council of the proposed public park equipment, fixtures and furnishings for the Penitencia and Elm Parks subject to the following three conditions:

1. The pre-fabricated restrooms shall use the same concrete tiles and be painted a similar or complimentary color as the approved residential buildings.
2. The applicant shall provide Public Works (Parks Maintenance) with additional roof tiles for future repairs.
3. Applicant use wood from the Elm Trees to use in display and provide cross section of the elm.

M/S: Krommenhock/Gray
All Ayes
Absent: (2) Sandhu and Serena

2. Youth Sports Grant Assistance (Kerrilyn Ely, Recreation Services Supervisor)

On October 20, 2005 the Milpitas City Council approved and appropriated \$8,000.00 for the Youth Sports Assistance Fund for the 2005-2006 budget year. Included in the Commission packet for review and consideration are two (2) Youth Sports grant applications:

One (1) Organizational Youth Sports Assistance Fund Application was received from **Red Devil's Youth Baseball Program, requesting \$1,000.00** to offset travel expense costs for regional baseball tournament held in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 28- 30, 2005.

Both applicants meet the eligibility for the grant process. Staff has reviewed the items requested and has found that the requested items meet the application guidelines, under the section, "Acceptable Funding consideration will be given, page 2 item #3 states; "To one time activities or capital equipment purchases designed to address a need or problem which organization cannot routinely finance".

Mike Greer and Denise Ames were in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions of the Commission.

Commissioner Ku asked how many members are on the Red Devil's team. Denise Ames responded there are 18 team members. Commissioner Burrill asked where do these funds come and how much funding is available. Bonnie Greiner responded funds are provided from the City's General Fund with \$8,000 available for the Youth Sports Assistance Fund.

MOTION to approve funding of \$1,000 to Red Devil's Youth Basket ball Program to offset travel expense costs for regional baseball tournament held in Las Vegas on October 28-30, 2005.

M/S: Gray/Tuason
All Ayes
Absent: (2) Sandhu and Serena

One (1) Organizational Youth Sports Assistance Fund Application was received from **Southpawprep, requesting \$1,000.00** to offset the cost of purchasing

team traveling first aid kits, sports tape and a electric ball pump for practices and games.

Both applicants meet the eligibility for the grant process. Staff has reviewed the items requested and has found that the requested items meet the application guidelines, under the section, “Acceptable Funding consideration will be given, page 2 item #3 states; “To one time activities or capital equipment purchases designed to address a need or problem which organization cannot routinely finance”.

Ralph Fields was in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions of the Commission.

Commissioner Tuason asked how did Southpawprep come up with a total of \$1,000. Ralph Fields answered that the team currently only has 1 medical kit, and at times the team is divided up into 6 teams, traveling to various cities with California and Nevada and each team Coach should have 1 medical kit. Ralph Fields added that the breakdown of the costs is listed on their application.

Commissioner Burrill asked if there is a deadline for teams to submit applications for funding. Bonnie Greiner responded funds are available on a first come first serve basis. Commissioner Burrill asked if Basketball and Football teams get involved. Kerrilyn Ely responded yes in addition a good variety of groups get involved.

MOTION to approve funding of \$1,000 to Southpawprep to offset the cost of purchasing team traveling first aid kits, sports tape and a electric ball pump for practices and games.

M/S: Krommenhock/Burrill

All Ayes

Absent: (2) Sandhu and Serena

XI. Staff Reports

None.

XII. Liaison Reports

1. City Council

City Council reinstated all grants finding savings to fund grants, deferred in filling positions savings of \$300,000.

2. Community Advisory Commission (CAC)

Neighborhood Beautification, there are currently 18 individual awards to be given out, currently there are 17 homes being evaluated for awards. The CAC is also working on establishing Heritage Tree Ordinance.

3. Senior Advisory Commission (SAC)

Last meeting was held on August 23rd. Commission is in the process of electing new officials. Commission is also reviewing plans for the Senior Housing Project. Next meeting is scheduled on October 25th.

4. Planning Commission

New Capital Improvement Project working on plan for Median Island at Abel Street/South Main Street.

5. Youth Advisory Commission (YAC)

Next meeting held on Thursday, October 13, 2005.

6. Milpitas Historical Society

Next meeting held on Wednesday, October 12, 2005. Commission will be conducting "Member Input" breaking into groups and discussing what we want to focus on this year.

7. Arts Commission

Arts Day held on October 1st had a huge attendance with approximately 500 participants.

8. Alviso Adobe Sub-committee (Commissioner McGuire, Munzel)

Milpitas Post did a great editorial on Alviso Adobe.

9. Video Sub-Committee

Commissioners Burrill , Ku and Munzel will meet before November meeting to begin work scope.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

- Alviso Adobe Rehabilitation- December
- Video Sub-Committee work scope- November
- Library Project Update - November

XIV. Adjournment

With no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM to the next scheduled meeting on November 7, 2005 at the Milpitas City Hall Committee Room.